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This is in response to the action mailed from the Patent Office on September 29, 2003, for which the shortened statutory period was set to expire on December 29, 2003. Applicant hereby petitions for and requests a two-month extension of time until February 29, 2003, and submits a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. Applicants further request that the extension fee and any other fee required for timely consideration of this submission be charged to **Deposit Account No. 18-1945**. If a different extension is needed, please consider this a conditional petition for the proper extension.

Applicant requests entry of this Amendment and Response, in which:

- Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3.
- <u>Amendments to the Drawings</u> begin on page 6 and include both attached replacement sheets and annotated sheets showing changes.
 - Remarks begin on page 7.
- An <u>Appendix</u> including amended drawing figures is attached following page 8 of this paper.

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